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The Current International Situation and the Military Position of the United States form the major part of any discussion by foreign correspondents today of what might take place in the future. Most important in national defense is American Air Power. Therefore, the vice chairman of the Congressional Aviation Policy Board will fly up from Washington next week to talk to the Club. He is

Congressman Carl Hinshaw (Republican-California)

Congressman Hinshaw will explain to club members the report of the Board which was submitted to Congress on March First and about which there is so much comment.

and

COLONEL J. R. H. HUTCHISON, D.S.O., M. P.

"Jimmy" Hutchison is a Conservative Member of Parliament and is a member of the Conservative Party's Parliamentary Committee on Civil Aviation, Trade and Industry and is also a member of the Empire Parliamentary Association.

Colonel Hutchison served in the first World War and in World War II, his biggest task was to organize (after D Day when he was dropped behind the German Lines) the underground "Maquis" Movement for action. He trained intelligence officers during the war and was closely connected with the American O. S. S. To U. S. Army Intelligence unit he was known by his "nom de guerre", Colonel Hastings.

OUR ANNUAL DINNER IS ONLY TEN DAYS AWAY SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS

A TOP SPEAKER HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED WATCH FOR THE NAME

Have you sent in your reservations for the dinner? Have you rounded up your friends to make up a table for this most important event of the year for the club?

The Dinner Committee this year did not want to have a long program as in other years although the tradition of the club was one of gathering together on the same platform a representative number of outstanding speakers. Members would be amazed to know how many really important speakers were not scheduled due to the committee's wish to keep the program short.

You will be able to get your copy of the club's "Who's Who In Foreign Correspondence" at the reception in the East Foyer at 7 P.M. Dinner is at 8 P.M. and the Committee reports that roast beef will replace the eternal dessicated banquet chicken.

John Jay McCloy, President of the World Bank, has often pointed out that the bank cannot refuse a loan for political reasons. We trust that he will say something about the effect of the recent Communist coup in Czechoslovakia on that country's request for a loan of \$350,000,000.

FLASH Any OPC member interested should get going on two top jobs which are still reported to be open. John Gierson, recently resigned as chief of press relations and public information of UNESCO, will be replaced by two men. One of our members from Paris predicts that the job will be split into its component parts and that one nominee will be from America and the other from a European country.

Julian Bach, formerly one of the editors of Life magazine, is co-editor and publisher of a new magazine which will be called "Project One", now in its major development period.

Ray Brock's wife, Miriam Hopkins, is casting for a new play, Priestley's "EVER SINCE PARADISE". The producer is Guthrie McClintic.

Gwen Dew has heard from Tokyo correspondents that the former public relations officer for General MacArthur, General Frayne-Baker, has been replaced by Colonel "Pat" Echols, whom the correspondents in Japan like very much.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR... Several members of the club have asked that it be noted in the Bulletin that when the club was founded in 1939, there was no such thing as a Bulletin for the club until 1945 when the editor, who was then Vice President of OPC started it with one page. Since then, it has graduated to five pages of noteworthy and interesting items. It has been kept at this size in view of the fact that our members get so many stylized and weighty pieces to read, they want something short and concise here.

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Gordon Fraser, UN correspondent for the American Broadcasting Company, reported on March 2nd that Russia still made no stand as to the Palestine issue, as far as the speech of Andrei Gromyko was to be scrutinized.

Jack Glenn, of March of Time, was looking for "The Walking Man" in Rochester last week. Jack finally concluded that the "walking man" is the typical commuter who depends on the Long Island Railroad..... which brings up the article by Herbert Kupferberg in the N. Y. Herald Tribune last week. Herb reported that the control of the Long Island Railroad finally moved out of Philadelphia to rest at Jamaica, Queens.

Ben Cohen, assistant secretary general of the Dept. of Public Information of the UN, suggested to the Awards Committee that in the future examinations of candidates for the awards take into consideration the department of Public Information of the UN, where accurate and impartial reporting has already been appreciated by most of the member nations.

In this connection, the present Awards Committee recommended to the Board of Governors that the Committee next year be appointed immediately along with other committees so that a careful check of candidates for the awards can be made during the year. The recommendation prompted by Bert Brandt of Acme Newspictures was also made. This would provide for a fifth category of Awards for photographers covering foreign events.

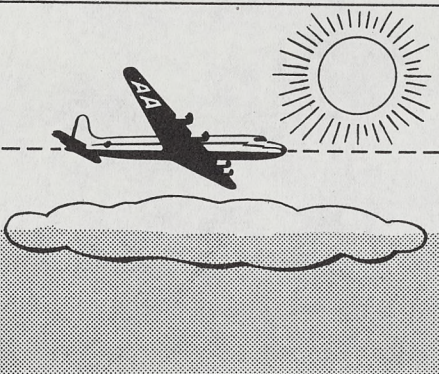
Roger Shaw, professor of International Relations at Trinity, has been made a director of the Foreign Policy Association for Hartford, Conn.

John Goette, who leaves shortly on a tour of lecturing in the West, says that the new book by Noel Busch entitled "Fallen Sun" pictures the Japanese occupation in a favorable light.

Robert Trout, formerly with CBS, has started his broadcasts over NBC at 11 P.M. On his Sunday night broadcast of February 29th he reported that member Merrill "Red" Mueller in a flash assignment to Prague arrived by plane in Czechoslovakia to find that he was too late. The iron curtain was already down for foreign broadcasts.... Red said that this makes the second time he has been in Czechoslovakia.... only to find blanket censorship.

Thurston Macauley whose wife, the former Doris Johnston, sends best regards to OPC members, has left the INS bureau in Vienna to join the army radio, Blue Danube Network in Austria which has three stations: WOFA, Vienna; KZCA, Salzburg and KOFA, Linz. Macauley is in charge of news and interviews and his headquarters are practically in the Vienna woods on the outskirts of the city.

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Henry J. Taylor has an article in the March issue of Cosmopolitan which is entitled "Will You Buy the Marshall Plan?"

Additional table reservations for the Annual Dinner, less than two weeks away are..... Reader's Digest, Associated Press, Columbia Broadcasting Company, March of Time, James A. Farley, Con Gebbie, Amy Vanderbilt, William P. Reed, John Welsh III. Irving Pflaum of the Chicago Sun is flying in for the Dinner; Lt. Irene Taylor is flying up from Washington. Tex McCrary and Jinx Falkenberg will have a table.....

FREDERICK J. ABBOTT, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE, ANNOUNCES THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING:

ACTIVE:

Wes Gallagher, Bureau Chief in Germany of the Associated Press. Overseas since February as war and foreign correspondent covering in twenty six countries.

Rader Winget, Associated Press. From 1936 to 1939, AP London Bureau and Continent; Stars and Stripes in England, France and Germany in 1944 and 1945.

ASSOCIATE:

Sumner Smith, Moving Picture World April, 1945 to August, 1945 and from April, 1926 to July, 1926; Freelance with Famous Features May, 1927 to July, 1927; United Seamen's Service Log, wartime publication, June, 1925 to September 1945.

Ken Porter, who is covering an assignment in Detroit for several months, writes that he misses New York and the OPC gatherings. He will return to Gotham soon.

Lynn Farnol of Sam Goldwyn Productions has returned from a Southwestern trip. He says that he observed that not infrequently when the family patronizes a drive-in theatre Pop turns on the radio to tune in to a sport broadcast while the rest of the family attend to what is transpiring on the screen.

Lawrence G. Blochman was elected President of the Mystery Writers' of America, Inc. at the organization's annual meeting recently.

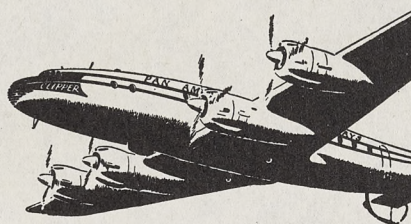
Clifton Daniel, writing from the London bureau of the N.Y. Times several days ago, reported that Anthony Eden urged a closer cooperation between the western European powers and the United States in view of the westward advance of communist totalitarianism.

Helen Hiatt, former director of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, has been busy as a beaver completing arrangements for the High School Forum at the Waldorf Astoria this week on March 6th. Students from Scandinavia and England who have been spending some few weeks in New York will exchange views with American students and a panel of important American speakers will address the forum.

Preston Grover, of the Associated Press Bureau in Paris, recommends to the Awards Committee of the future that more time be given members overseas who could not vote this year in view of the early deadline. Grover says that our members overseas have some good first hand views on the subject of awards for reporting foreign news from abroad.

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Larry Spivak, editor of the American Mercury was the emcee of the program "Meet the Press" over WOR when he and Elizabeth May Craig, one of our associate members from Washington interviewed Mrs. Robert Taft.... radio circles are chuckling over the answers which Martha gave.....

Adele Nathan is doing the dramatization of Ed Hungerford's pageant "Railroad Jubilee". This show will run all summer at the railroad celebration on Chicago's Lake Shore.

George Fielding Eliot, columnist for the N.Y. Post, is leaving for Cairo, Palestine, Iraw, Iran and Saudi Arabia next week.....

William P. Reed, President of Ross Federal Associates, recently made news in the news paper and magazine world last week with his survey of railroads and their economic situation for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

Members and guests of the Overseas Press Club were ready to go out and do battle for the Anglo-American alliance last week when Frank Owen, editor of the London Evening Standard, spoke..... the jackpot book was "The Best Is None Too Good" by Ralph G. Martin and the beautiful gal who picked the lucky guy was Mrs. George Frazier, wife of the well known author and columnist. Among those present....Cecil Brown, radio commentator and his guest Ben Sonnenberg; Donald Coe of the ABC, Joe Wurzel of AP; Marion Sanford of the Woman's Home Companion; Don Idon, columnist of the London Daily Mail, etc.

Frank Owen, who served with Lord Mountbatten's staff in Burma, said that friendship of American and British troops out there was good..."After all," said Owen, "a bloke has to be civil to the guy who is bringing up the grub."

Owen has just completed a tour of some of our industrial plants in the Mid West and is impressed with our wealth of coal, food, steel, railroads, etc. although he feels that some of our industrial plants may be too closely concentrated... For instance, one bomb on St. Louis would ruin the whole system of that terminal. This Welshman said that the scientific staff at Fort Leavenworth is carrying out competent and amazing experiments and planning.

The British editor said that Britain was nearer to defeat than ever before in its history after Hitler took France and that it was their good luck that the Germans did not attack England then. The channel had protected them up to that time just as we depend on the Atlantic but this distance will not be important in the next war, said Mr. Owen. He advised us to take and hold key spots over the world for defense just as Great Britain has done and he concluded by saying that Great Britain will be a solid ally of the United States in any future conflict.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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